

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Claims 21, 23-25 and 61-64 are amended, claims 15 and 60 are canceled, and claims 69-74 are added. Therefore, claims 1, 7, 21, 23-25, and 61-74 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims and the new claims are supported by the specification as filed.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph Rejection of the Claims

The Examiner rejected claims 15, 21, 23-25 and 60-64 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, alleging that those claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. However, to expedite prosecution, claims 15 and 60 have been canceled, and claims 21, 23-25 and 61-64 have been amended to depend from claim 1, 7, 67 or 68, which claims are currently allowed. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of the claims.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 7 and 65-68 are allowed. As the remaining claims (*i.e.*, claims 21, 23-25, 61-64 and 69-74) depend directly or indirectly from the allowed claims, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (952) 876-4094 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary; please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-3503.

Respectfully submitted,

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